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CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PRODUCTION OF BMP ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS
FOR EXPORTDETVA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA
PLOCE, YUGOSLAVIA (SWN)

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** AT LEAST 115 BMP ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APC) PRODUCED AT DETVA CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND ARMORED VEHICLE PLANT, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DEPARTED PLOCE PORT FACILITIES, YUGOSLAVIA BETWEEN [REDACTED] (SWN) 25X1
2. **REMARKS:** RECENT BMP PRODUCTION AT DETVA AND THE SHIPPING OF THOSE BMP FROM THE PLANT HAS BEEN CORRELATED WITH THE ARRIVAL AND EXPORT OF BMP FROM PLOCE. THE NUMBER OF BMP AT DETVA INCREASED FROM FIVE ON [REDACTED] TO 48 ON [REDACTED] EIGHTEEN OF THESE BMP WERE ON FLATCARS FOR SHIPMENT ON [REDACTED] FIFTY BMP (36 WITH CAMOUFLAGE PAINT) WERE AT PLOCE ON [REDACTED] AND 65 WERE AT THE PORT ON [REDACTED] (SWN). THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF BMP LEFT PLOCE BY [REDACTED] 25X1
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THE NUMBER OF BMP AT DETVA DECREASED TO 29 ON [REDACTED] AND INCREASED TO 51 ON [REDACTED] OF WHICH 47 WERE ON FLATCARS AWAITING SHIPMENT. BETWEEN [REDACTED] AT LEAST 50 CAMOUFLAGE PAINTED BMP ARRIVED AT PLOCE. THESE BMP DEPARTED PLOCE BY [REDACTED] (SWN) 25X1
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A THIRD BMP SHIPMENT WAS UNDERWAY AT DETVA ON [REDACTED] WHEN 20 BMP WERE ON FLATCARS (TEN SHOWN ON GRAPHIC). FOUR OF THE BMP ON FLATCARS HAD NOT YET BEEN CANVAS COVERED. THESE FOUR HAD A CAMOUFLAGE PAINT SCHEME LIKE THOSE AT PLOCE. (SWN) 25X1

PLOCE PORT FACILITIES IS ON THE SOUTH COAST OF YUGOSLAVIA, APPROXIMATELY 335 NM SOUTH SOUTHWEST OF DETVA. (SWN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- THE BMP AT PLOCE HAD ERRONEOUSLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PROBABLE YUGOSLAVIAN PRODUCED M-980. THOUGH THE M-980 IS AN APC, SIMILAR IN SIZE AND APPEARANCE TO THE BMP, THE CORRELATION OF BMP SHIPMENTS FROM DETVA WITH THEIR ARRIVAL AT PLOCE CONFIRMS THESE APC SHIPMENTS AS CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PRODUCED BMP. THE SIGHTING OF CAMOUFLAGE-PAINTED BMP AT DETVA, LIKE THOSE AT PLOCE, WAS SUPPORTING EVIDENCE. IN ADDITION, RECENT COVERAGE OF SARAJEVO ARMAMENT VEHICLE AND ENGINE PLANT FAMOS, THE M-980 PRODUCTION PLANT, INDICATES A PRODUCTION RATE TOO LOW TO HAVE PRODUCED OVER 100 M-980 APC IN ONLY A FEW MONTHS. (SWN)

THE BMP ARE PROBABLY FOR DELIVERY TO A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY. THE TYPE OF CAMOUFLAGE PAINTING WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR A FORESTED AFRICAN OR WESTERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRY RATHER THAN A MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRY WITH A DESERT. (SWN)

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